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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2014

Administration Building, DuPont State Forest
Cedar Mountain, North Carolina

1. Call to order
Representative Jimmy Dixon, Presiding
2. Introductory remarks by Co-Chairs (*5 minutes*)
3. Welcome (*30 minutes*)
Steve Troxler, Commissioner
North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)
4. Presentation on the role of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Agriculture (*15 minutes*)
John Skvarla, Secretary
DENR
5. Presentation on forestry issues (*30 minutes*)
Paul Sherman, Air & Energy Programs Director
North Carolina Farm Bureau
6. Presentation on the North Carolina BRIDGE Young Offenders Forest Conservation Program (*30 minutes*)
Travis Ruff, BRIDGE Program Manager
NCDA&CS
7. Presentation on local tree ordinances more stringent than federal regulations (*30 minutes*)
John Allen, Owner, Shiloh Nursery
Mark Gantt, Owner, Hefner's Nursery

8. Presentation on the woolly adelgid issue in hemlocks (*30 minutes*)
Brian Heath, NCFS Forest Health Forester
North Carolina Forest Service
9. Presentation on privacy laws relating to farms (*30 minutes*)
Paul Sherman, Air & Energy Programs Director
North Carolina Farm Bureau
10. Commission discussion and announcements
11. Adjourn

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING SITE:

Commission members, speakers, and members of the public are asked to meet at the Visitor Center High Falls parking lot at DuPont State Forest before the meeting begins at 9:00. This meeting will have a casual dress code due to the DuPont State Forest tour following the meeting. Shuttles will be available to take members and speakers to the meeting site at the Administration Building. **DuPont State Forest staff asks that you please park in the Visitor Center High Falls lot.**

The Address for DuPont State Forest Visitor Center High Falls is:

1400 Staton Rd
Cedar Mtn, NC 28718

From Asheville, NC (via Pisgah Forest)

Take I-26 East to Exit 40 (Airport Exit), and take NC-280 toward Pisgah Forest. Turn Left (EAST) at light on US-64 and go 3.7 miles to the Triangle Stop Gas Station in Penrose. Turn Right on Crab Creek Road and continue 4.3 miles, turn Right on DuPont Road for 3.1 miles. Turn left into the Visitor Center High Falls parking lot.

NC Forest Service personnel will be available to direct you to shuttles.

DUPONT STATE FOREST SITE VISIT:

Members of the Commission and interested parties are invited to participate in a site visit at DuPont State Forest for a tour of the Forest, including the Donut Hole, following adjournment of the Commission meeting. The tour will begin at 1:30. This will not be a formal meeting of the Commission and no business session will be held.

Commission members will meet at 1:30 p.m. outside the meeting room, where transportation around DuPont State Forest will be provided. Interested members of the public may meet at the meeting site by 1:30.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons having questions about the Commission meeting or other matters related to the Commission may contact Chris Saunders or Jennifer McGinnis, Commission Counsels, or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578 or may visit the Commissions' website at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=79>